

# SRC NewsFlash

A Summary of News, Messages, and Facts from the Senate Republican Caucus

## Monday, Feb. 7 — NORTHWEST MARRIAGE WEEK

#### 9:15 a.m. Senate Republican Caucus

**Senate Labor, Commerce, R & D Committee:** Hearing on Workers' Compreform (SB 5665-Sen. Parlette), SHR 4

• Senate Gov. Ops. & Elections Committee: Hearing on bill to review tax incentives. SHR 2

**12:30-1:30 State Nurses' Association Legislative Day:** Rotunda and third floor hallway, est. attendance: 400

**3:30 p.m. Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee:** Hearing on nurse legislation, SHR 4 (TVW)

6 p.m. Washington Restaurant Association Reception: Red Lion

## Tuesday, Feb. 8: Washington Health Care Association Rally, Noon-1:30 p.m.,

• Senate Gov. Ops. & Elections Committee: Hearing on HB 1064 (performance audits); SCR 8404 (creating a legislative evaluation commission); and SJR 8208 (authorizing a 10-day legislative recess after the first cut-off), SHR 2

 Senate Labor, Commerce R&D Committee: Hearing on SB 5581 (life sciences discovery fund) and SB 5594 (embryonic stem cell research and cloning), SHR 4 (TVW)

3:30 p.m. Senate Int'l Trade & Econ. Dev. Committee: Hearing on workforce training issues. Exec. session on economic development bills by Sens. Pflug (SB 5329) and Zarelli (SB 5325), SHR 3 (TVW)

### Wednesday, Feb. 9

**8 a.m. Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee:** Hearing on long-term care issues and SB 5570(repealing the nursing home bed fee requested by the nursing home association in 2003), SHR 4 (TVW)

10 a.m. Possible Senate session

3:30 p.m. Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection Committee: Hearing on homeowners' associations, SHR 2 (TVW)

6 p.m. AWB Legislative Reception: Red Lion & WSRP Legislative Reception: Ramada

#### Thursday, Feb. 10

**8 a.m.** Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee: Hearing on SB 5763, Omnibus treatment of mental and substance abuse disorders, SHR 1 (TVW)

**10 a.m. Senate Int'l Trade & Econ. Dev. Committee:** Hearing on economic development and regulatory reform measures

Noon Caucus—Special Meeting

**6:30 p.m.** Election Reform Task Force meeting #1: Clark College Foster Auditorium, 1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd in Vancouver. (TVW)

#### Friday, Feb. 11: African-America Affairs Commission Legislative Day

**8 a.m.** Senate Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education Committee: Hearing on SB 5575, allowing colleges to consider race, color, ethnicity or national origin in admissions, SHR 1 (TVW)

10 a.m. Possible Senate Session

#### **SRC** in the News

Bill would crack down on teachers and pornography: (Sen.) Don Benton is introducing legislation to make sure teachers who are caught viewing pornography on school grounds will never be allowed to teach again in the state..."If you bring pornography on the school campus or if you access pornography...on the school campus, you will lose your right to have access to our children, period." (King 5 TV, 1/29/05)

Focus stays on davcare fraud: Sen. (Joyce) Mulliken said the five bills she's proposing will likely be rolled into one, larger "omnibus" bill..."I am disappointed that the DSHS was not more responsive to the suspicion of fraud," she said... The DSHS "failed" to be accountable to the public, Mulliken said..."With these bills, you address the concerns of both the daycare and foster care, you protect the good homes and you prevent abuse." (Columbia Basin Herald, 2/1/2005)

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